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LETTER DATED 22 OCTOBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a press release issued on 18 October 1996 by the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States expressing concern at outside interference in Iraq's internal affairs and warning of the consequences of such interference.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Press release issued on 18 October 1996 by the Press Liaison Unit of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States

THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT CAUTIONS AGAINST CONTINUING OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN IRAQ'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The General Secretariat of the League of Arab States is following with great concern the developing situation in northern Iraq and the mounting outside interference in Iraq's internal affairs, which is endangering Iraq's unity and territorial integrity.

The General Secretariat warns of the consequences of such outside interference in Iraq's internal affairs continuing, affirms its strong commitment to Iraq's unity and territorial integrity and urges all the parties concerned to respond positively to the Iraqi Government's call for dialogue and negotiations for the achievement of security, stability and development.